A!. B1 wherein said [first and second] cold <u>portion</u> [portions] receives electrical power from an electrical power source for rapidly heating said inside tube.

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- 19. A fluid heating system comprising:
- a fluid heat exchanger defining a rapidly heatable inside tube;
- a hollow <u>outside</u> [inside] tube surrounding said inside tube;
- a fluid passing between said inside tube and said outside tube for circulation through said fluid heating system;

a temperature control system having at least one sensor located along said fluid heat exchanger in sensing communication with said fluid, said temperature control system controlling the operation of said heatable inside tube by regulating said fluid temperature within a predetermined range based on fluid temperature readings taken by said temperature control system;

wherein said inside tube is rapidly heated by said temperature control system such that said fluid is rapidly heated to within said predetermined range for use in said fluid heating system.

## REMARKS

Claims 17 and 19 have been amended to better clarify and distinctly claim what the applicants consider as their invention. In particular, claim 17 has been amended to replace "first and second cold portions" with "cold portion" as well as replacing "inside and outside ends" with proximal and distal ends" throughout the claim. Further, claim 19 has been amended

to replace the term "inside" with "outside" in order to correctly recite the structural elements of the invention.

By present amendment, the applicants have amended claims 17 and 19 to specifically recite structural elements neither shown nor suggested in the prior art and to make clear the manner in which those elements cooperate to provide the unique advantages of the present invention. The applicants aver that no new matter is being introduced by virtue of the amendment to the claims and that proper antecedent basis is provided in the specification for these claims amendments. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney collect if he or she has any questions regarding this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Exhibit A – Marked up Version of Amended Claims

## **CLAIMS**

17. (Amended) The fluid heat exchanger according to claim 13 wherein said inside tube further comprises [first and second] a cold [portions] portion having opposed [inside] proximal and [outside] distal ends, said [outside] distal ends of said [first] cold portion [and said second cold portion] extending outwardly from opposing ends of said inside tube, said hot portion interposed between said [first and second] cold portion [portions] for connection with respective said [inside] proximal ends of said [first and second] cold portion [portions] within said inside tube;

wherein said [first and second] cold <u>portion</u> [portions] receives electrical power from an electrical power source for rapidly heating said inside tube.

- 15 19. (Amended) A fluid heating system comprising:
  - a fluid heat exchanger defining a rapidly heatable inside tube;
  - a hollow outside [inside] tube surrounding said inside tube;
  - a fluid passing between said inside tube and said outside tube for circulation through said fluid heating system;
  - a temperature control system having at least one sensor located along said fluid heat exchanger in sensing communication with said fluid, said temperature control system controlling the operation of said heatable inside tube by regulating said fluid temperature within a predetermined range based on fluid temperature readings taken by said temperature control system;
- wherein said inside tube is rapidly heated by said temperature control system such that said fluid is rapidly heated to within said predetermined range for use in said fluid heating system.

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